

Cancer Research UK: Resources to support the deliverables outlined in 2026/2027 Cancer Alliance Planning Support Pack

This document summarises Cancer Research UK resources that may support Alliances with activity planned in 2026/27.

Neighbourhood Earlier Diagnosis

Theme	CRUK support and resources:
<p>Local Early Diagnosis Plans</p>	<p>The following resources may be helpful to you:</p> <p>Proactive models of cancer care Recordings of expert-led sessions at CRUK Cancer Alliance leadership events that cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimising referrals from primary care • Optimising diagnostics to assess cancer risk <p>Socioeconomic deprivation and inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer in the UK 2025: Socioeconomic deprivation report • Results of the Cancer Awareness Measure (plus) annual survey <p>Early diagnosis and route to diagnosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early diagnosis waterfall • Driving reductions in late stage diagnosis infographic • Cancer referral activity briefing: referral, detection and conversion rates explained • Using evidence, data and metrics to support a local ED strategy <p>Prostate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAP trial (PSA test) summary <p>Proven interventions</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from the Test, Evidence, Transition programme <p>GP Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRUK and Macmillan Cancer Support's Community of Practice for GPs with an interest in improving cancer outcomes through webinars and education. <p>Throughout the year we will also be developing new resources and tools, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of the regional Cancer Awareness Measure plus (CAM+) survey results • Horizon scanning for evidence on early diagnosis innovations
<p>Bowel Programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bowel grid: a practical tool to help you identify which interventions are most likely to improve bowel screening uptake among groups with lower participation • Case study: Improving bowel screening uptake in England • We have dedicated bowel cancer screening webpages and resources for healthcare professionals and patients, including our Bowel cancer screening good practice guide.
<p>Support for Primary Care to safety net patients e.g. patients with unresolved symptoms that do not warrant a referral or those removed from suspected cancer pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety netting webpage • Safety netting flow chart • Safety netting summary • E-safety netting tools webpage • E-safety netting tools summary table 	

Faster Diagnosis and Operational Performance

Theme	CRUK support and resources:
<p>Faster Diagnosis: Urological Cancer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An area of importance for CRUK, where we have a strong understanding of the evidence base related to optimising prostate, bladder and kidney pathways, so we can support with queries and share other emerging areas that can support optimisation. <p>Resources for Primary Care include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bladder & Kidney GP insight guide • PSA testing webpage • Prostate Cancer GP insight Guide • Overdiagnosis webpage • Doctors.net.uk eLearning: Adult urological cancers in primary care (Module) and Urological cancers and non-specific symptoms (short-form message) (registration required)
<p>Faster Diagnosis: Gynaecological Cancer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a strong understanding of the evidence related to the optimisation of gynaecological cancers so can support with queries and share other emerging areas that can support optimisation. <p>Resources for Primary Care include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors.net.uk: Early Diagnosis of gynaecological cancers in primary care (module) and Managing patients with abnormal bleeding (short-form message) • GatewayC: Cervical Cancer course • NB Medical webinar – on demand: Gynaecological cancers (October 2024)
<p>Faster Diagnosis: Breast Cancer</p>	<p>We have a strong understanding of the evidence related to optimising breast cancer pathways so can support with queries and</p>

	share other emerging areas that can support optimisation.
Faster Diagnosis: Skin Cancer	Resources for Primary Care include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin cancer insight guide for GPs
Operational performance	Head and Neck cancer toolkit for GPs and Dentists hosted on Doctors.net.uk (login required)
Faecal Immunochemical Testing (FIT)	Education and awareness support for Primary care regarding the most appropriate use of the FIT pathway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIT symptomatic webpage • Patient-facing FIT symptomatic guide • FIT screening v symptomatic pathway guide (England) • Doctors.net.uk: Bowel Cancer prevention and early diagnosis (quiz) and managing suspected bowel cancer (short-form message) • GatewayC: Colorectal cancer course

Please note: Healthcare professional e-learning is free to access but requires registration with the provider.

Treatment

We have a strong understanding and can provide evidence/commentary on treatment variation and its drivers, so we can support with queries. We are developing a programme of work to support cancer audit and quality-related activity to improve access to optimal treatment.

Please also see links to two articles we have written on this:

- [Cancer inequalities: The problem of unwarranted variation in access to treatment \(2024\)](#)
- [Variation in access to cancer treatments is unacceptable – what can the National Cancer Plan for England do to help? \(2025\)](#)

Lung Cancer Screening

We have dedicated [lung cancer screening webpages](#). We are also developing a tool to look at lung screening uptake by group and interventions to increase uptake.

For any follow up questions or information, please email healthsystemsengagement@cancer.org.uk